



St Ann's Heath Junior School

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Co-Head Teachers: Mrs J King, Mrs P O'Connor

April 2024 - ****Amended Forest School Timetable****

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that, due to the continued support from FOSAH, we will be able to offer Forest Schools sessions for all children this term led by our Mighty Adventurers Forest Schools leader Vicki Balaam.

The sessions take place during school time at Trumps Mill Open Space off Trumps Mill Lane and the children will attend these sessions with the support of adults working in their year group.

During our Forest School sessions, the children are encouraged to become independent, use their imagination, take appropriate risks within boundaries and initiate learning for themselves.

Forest School is a holistic approach to learning, incorporating children's individuality and develops their skills for lifelong learning, including the emotional and spiritual aspects of learning. This is where resilience, self-esteem and self-confidence can grow and positive relationships with peers can be formed.

Our Forest School sessions explore the outdoors and the natural environment with practical, useful activities all year round. The children will be given the opportunity to develop their curiosity, confidence, creativity, empathy, communication skills, knowledge of the natural environment and ability to assess risk. The child's interest will be at the heart of any activity underpinned with a focus on teamwork, and taking responsibility for looking after themselves, each other, and the flora and fauna of the woods.

Please ensure that your child understands it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and instructions given by the staff in charge are followed. If, for any reason, you do not want your child to participate in Forest Schools sessions this term please make an appointment to see Mrs King or Mrs O'Connor to discuss this further.

Please see the table below outlining when your child's session is and what they need to wear and bring to school.



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Dates	Times	Year Group	Clothing to come to school in	Clothing to bring
Tuesday 30th April	9-10.30am	3FP	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	3S	*Forest schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	3M	School uniform	*Forest schools
Tuesday 7th May	9-10.30am	4V	*Forest schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	4M	*Forest schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	4PM	School uniform	*Forest schools
Tuesday 21st May	9-10.30am	3FP	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	3S	*Forest schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	3M	School uniform	*Forest schools
Tuesday 4th June	9-10.30am	4V	*Forest schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	4M	*Forest schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	6A	School uniform	*Forest schools
Wednesday 5th June Additional date	9 – 10.30am	6PH	*Forest schools	School uniform
Tuesday 11th June	9-10.30am	5G	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	4PM	*Forest schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	6PH	School uniform	*Forest schools
Tuesday 18th June	9-10.30am	5D	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	5A	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	3FP	School uniform	*Forest schools
Tuesday 25th June	9-10.30am	4V	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	4M	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	6A	School uniform	*Forest schools
Tuesday 2nd July * Amended groups*	9-10.30am	3S	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	3M	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	5G	School uniform	*Forest Schools
Tuesday 9th July	9-10.30am	4PM	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	10.30-12pm	5D	*Forest Schools	School uniform
	1.30-2.45pm	5A	School uniform	*Forest Schools



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*Forest schools clothing needed:

1. Long sleeved top
2. Long sleeved jumper
3. Long trousers
4. Wellingtons or trainers that may get very wet and muddy
5. Waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers (if they have them)
6. A named plastic bag for any wet/muddy clothes

Please note, even if the weather is very warm during the summer term, children will still be required to wear long sleeved clothing whilst in the forest.

Many thanks for your continued support. The feedback from the children and staff who have experienced the Forest Schools sessions in the past has been tremendous and we are delighted to be able to offer this holistic approach to learning during the summer term. If you have any queries or questions, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Jackie King and Pip O'Connor
Co-Head Teachers

Child's name: Child's class:

I do not want my child to participate in Forest Schools sessions for the summer term.

Please provide a reason why:

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